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**Title: VANE AND METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION THEREOF**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is to be entered as an amendment for the divisional patent application based on the above-captioned parent application. The parent application has been allowed and is co-pending herewith.